

Sul Ross Group (SRG) Bulletin Nine

22 September 2020

To our SRG Class Agents and their Classmate SRG Members,

SRG email Bulletins, as the needs arise, are supplements to our Newsletters so that we can keep you informed in a more timely manner on topics as they unfold; and so you can then lend support and share it as you see fit. We kindly request that the Class Agents distribute it to their classmates. Thank you and Gig 'em!

A “heads up” notice and update to our SRG Members!

As you well know, lots has been going on since early June about which it was important to communicate in a timely manner with our constituent members. Thus, we “invented” the Bulletins (expanding upon the periodic, traditional Newsletters). This is the Ninth Bulletin, and we want to use it now as the first of several “heads up” messages. We want to let you know we have another way to send you the Bulletins which should be an improvement over (and supplant) the way we are doing it now via the SRG Class Agents and their individual mailing lists.

The law requires entities like The Association of Former Students – for good reason – to safeguard personal information data on their members. Recently, The Association has informed us there is a safe and legal way for them to provide us a system with which to electronically communicate with all members of the Sul Ross Group who grant us permission to do so by voluntarily opting in. So that’s what is now in the works, and what the first “heads up” is all about.

You can expect an email from The Association informing you of this new method of communication and asking you to follow the directions for “opting in” (if you desire). Obviously, it will only be sent to those of us who have an email registered with The Association. For your information, there is a big difference (about 7,000 of us) between that number and those who only have registered a mailing address. And that is the reason we still need the printed Newsletter sent with the with the help of The Association!

So, when the time comes, we ask that you participate, respond, and “spread the word” so we can proceed to execution. There is no doubt that it will take time to grow the new list as our folks respond. And there is also no doubt that we shall have overlap between this new system and the method we are currently using. This has positive long-term implications for our SRG communications operations given the recent state of affairs and what it has prompted in terms of timeliness. We again ask for your help (and patience!). With appreciation for your support. Thanks, and gig 'em!!

Resolution by the Texas Aggie Student Senate



S.R. 73-11 - Recognition of The United states of America's Independence Resolution

THE TAMU STUDENT SENATE, 73rd Session, September 2, 2020

"A resolution celebrating the United states of America's independence and honoring those who have served to protect the freedom all Americans enjoy"

Action Taken – *PASSED and Certified by Zachery McCue, Speaker of the Senate*

Introduced by: *Aaron Wood, College of Engineering and Blake Martin, Liberal Arts Caucus*

Sponsored by *Cole Allen and Dylan Bohn, Mays Caucus*

Whereas 1 – This year of 2020, the SGA Senate is holding meetings in the summer, so it seems fitting to use this opportunity to recognize the sacrifices related to July 4th, 1776, and

Whereas 2 -The United States of America declared her independence from Britain on July 4th, 1776 as that is when the Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, and

Whereas 3 – Each year on July 4th as a Nation we celebrate that independence as it is a constant reminder of the freedoms that all individuals have, and

Whereas 4 – The United States of America is still considered one of the most free and opportunistic countries in the world, and

Whereas 5 – Countless numbers of men and women have given their lives to protect and uphold this freedom that all may experience the "land of the free" and the "home of the brave."

Therefore, Let it be Resolved 1 – The Student Senate recognizes that the United States of America is one of the greatest forces for human freedom in history, and

Let it be Further Resolved 2 – We recognize the value of our founding principles and seek to live up to them in our daily lives as residents of this great country, and

Let it be Further Resolved 3 – We shall continue to appreciate the given rights that we have and recognize that we truly are blessed to live in such a prosperous country and that it must not be taken for granted, and

Let it be Further Resolved 4 – We are and will be forever indebted to all men and women who serve in our armed forces to keep us free.

A note of acknowledgement and congrats: We salute our Fightin' Texas Aggie Student Senate for doing exactly what we all would expect a Texas Aggie Student Senate to do! This is a most appropriate Resolution and superb good bull! And we'd like to thank Arno Krebs '64 for his calling and suggesting that we highlight this!

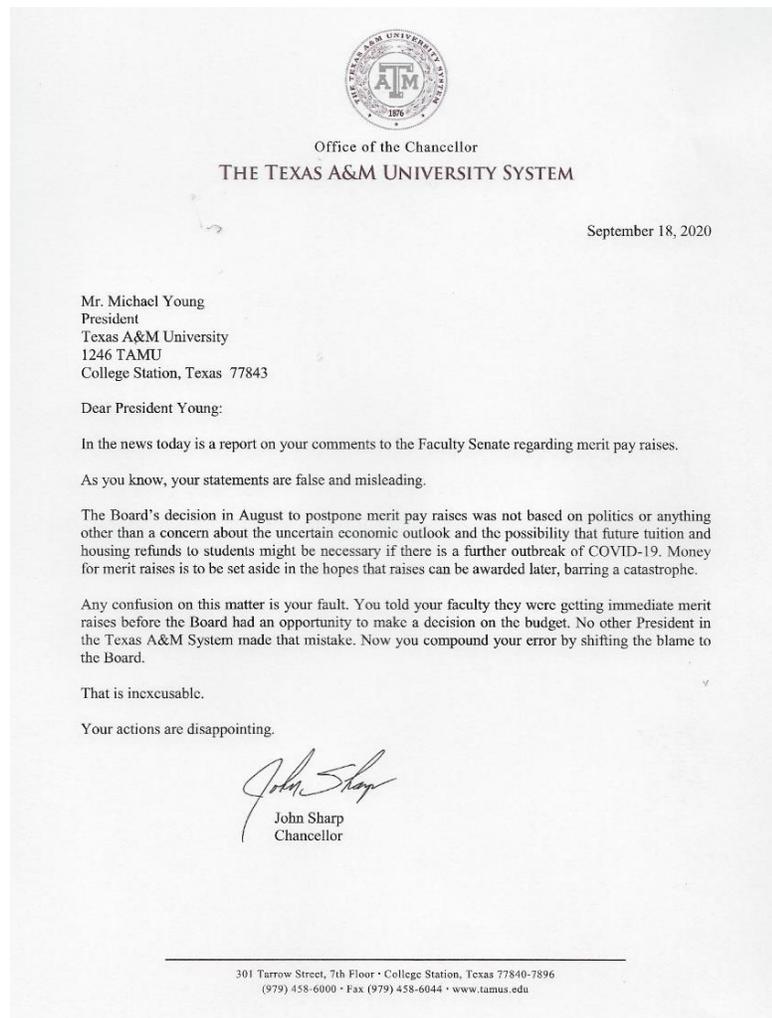
Coach Buzz Williams the Mentor!

While Coach Williams was at Virginia Tech, he held a session for his basketball team with veterans to teach and coach them about important protocols of respect. This has been around a bit, but you should not miss the opportunity for a refresher viewing! You can access the U-Tube video here: <https://youtu.be/4Qz58jMhDDA>

Fall 2020 Enrollment Sets a New Record

TAMU's fall enrollment is 71,109 – a 2.4% increase from last year. This figure includes undergraduate, masters, and doctoral-level students in College Station, the Health and Science Center, and campuses in Galveston and Doha, Qatar. Since our most recent SRG inducted class is '65, this enrollment is a mere 61,680 increase since those days!

For Your Information – Letter from TAMUS Chancellor Sharp to TAMU President Young (sources - The Battalion, KBTX, and WTAW)



September 18, 2020 Mr. Michael Young President Texas A&M University 1246 TAMU College Station, Texas 77843

Dear President Young: In the news today is a report on your comments to the Faculty Senate regarding merit pay raises. As you know, your statements are false and misleading. The Board's decision in August to postpone merit pay raises was not based on politics or anything other than a concern about the uncertain economic outlook and the possibility that future tuition and housing refunds to students might be necessary if there is a further outbreak of COVID-19. Money for merit raises is to be set aside in the hopes that raises can be awarded later, barring a catastrophe. Any confusion on this matter is your fault. You told your faculty they were getting immediate merit raises before the Board had an opportunity to make a decision on the budget. No other President in the Texas A&M System made that mistake. Now you compound your error by shifting the blame to the Board. That is inexcusable. Your actions are disappointing.

John Sharp, Chancellor, TAMUS

Professor Castro Again at the Fore

At tamu.edu one can read his 37 page Curriculum Vitae, and like most agitators, he is a very self-anointed elite. In the September 11, 2020 issue of Crisis Magazine, “Anti-Catholic Bigotry at Texas A&M,” Michal Warren Davis says that Castro earned more disturbing fame when a number of posts on his Facebook account were published by conservative media outlets. Most of the posts contained graphic descriptions of Republicans meeting violent, gruesome ends. A man who has such thoughts obviously isn’t well - let alone a man who *publishes them* for the edification of his friends and family.

“Maniacally anti-conservative academics are hardly news. What’s surprising is that Professor Castro’s employer appears to be taking the matter seriously. Texas A&M’s Office of Risk, Ethics, and Compliance has launched an investigation regarding their aberrant anthropologist. And rightly so. Seeing as Professor Castro also repeatedly expressed delight that Republicans had contracted Covid-19, for instance, any right-of-center student would naturally feel unsafe in his classroom.”

“Yet the media have not yet revealed the numerous anti-Catholic remarks Professor Castro made on social media. Sources at Texas A&M have shared more screenshots with Crisis Magazine in order to expose his religious bigotry. Crisis Magazine is certainly not trying to “cancel” Professor Castro. We do, in fact, believe that he deserves mercy—yes, even love. But this wasn’t a one-time mistake. It’s a long pattern of increasingly violent anti-Catholic and anti-conservative prejudice. If he really doesn’t see anything wrong with what he’s done, and if he has no intention of changing his behavior, then Texas A&M may—must—end its relationship with him.”

You can access the entire article at <https://www.crisismagazine.com/2020/anti-catholic-bigotry-at-texas-am>

Aggie Ring “Qualifying Course” Recommendation

Fightin’ Texas Aggie and SRG Member Frank Cox ’65 wrote us the following email message after he received the 4 September “SRG Bulletin Eight.” We called him to thank him and asked him if we could share it. He kindly consented and it is provided here.

“I cannot imagine a better summary of Current-Day Aggieland than what you have written in the article/bulletin (SRG of 04 Sept 20). Thank You! Thank ALL TRUE AGGIES for your dedication, determination, honesty, ethics, accountability, respect, trust, and the obvious support you have and show toward ALL who are AGGIES in the truest sense. You made it clear that, as much as Aggies love their sports and their athletes, that is NOT WHAT DEFINES US!! WHAT REALLY DEFINES US IS The Love we Have for our Country/State/University, our Traditions, our Faith, the Spirit, and the Students (past & present who lived out their days as AGGIES and NOT JUST AS STUDENTS at A&M). The oneness in purpose, direction and service to our school, state, country in the military and otherwise including our devotion to GOD and HIS WAY) is what has

made TEXAS A&M the unique and special school that it has demonstrated itself to be throughout the decades past.

LONG before BLM, Diversity Programs, Inclusion Programs, Multi-Cultural Programs. PC Mandates and the Pushing of Un-Godly Activities and Agendas that dominate our campus today costing us Billions of Dollars--AGGIES have always applauded, supported and recognized the inclusion of ALL having the opportunity to receive a Higher and Equal Education. Even before we integrated the campus with Blacks and Women in the mid-60's (Blacks had Prairie View A&M and Women had Texas Women's University--ALL Great Universities). Ever since Texas A&M integrated, BOTH Females and Blacks have succeeded and risen to the TOP as AGGIES in all areas of Life--Physically, Mentally and Spiritually just like their white and brown brothers and sisters before them. Just as it should be! Regardless of background, AGGIES ALL have their name CALLED AT AGGIE MUSTER when they "Pass-On" after they have graduated and at SILVER TAPS if they happen to "Pass-On" during their time as a student. ALL EXACTLY THE SAME. ALL receiving the same Honor of their Fellow Students answering "HERE" in remembrance of the Life of their Fellow Aggie who hopefully has gone on to Eternity with our Creator God.

YES, WAY BEFORE the Present, AGGIES have lived out their time at Aggieland RESPECTING ALL, INCLUDING ALL, SUPPORTING ALL, HELPING ALL, SHARING WITH ALL. THAT'S THE AGGIE WAY! What a sad day when we are shackled with a University President that does not recognize this and is "quick" to place blame on those who are labeled "White Ole' Ags" in a derogatory way. He mistakenly says, "They don't like change and they live in the past". Well, the truth of the matter is that "WE DON'T LIVE IN THE PAST, BUT THE PAST DOES LIVE IN US" and we thank GOD for that. Our desire is to share those PROVEN WINNING TRAITS with our current students regardless if they are Red, Yellow, Brown, Black or White, Male or Female, Short or Tall, Big or Little, Fast or Slow, Rich or Poor, or from a 'Small Town or Large City'--"WE ARE THE AGGIES, THE AGGIES ARE WE". JUST AS YOU NOTED IN YOUR ARTICLE.

Keep up the great work and mission that you are on--a mission that, if followed, would lead to victory over the ills of our world. In fact, if we would just follow JESUS and His teachings that HE expressed in just FOUR sentences, we would have "Peace on earth as it is in Heaven": (1) "Don't cast stones" (2) "Forgive those who harm you" (3) "Love your neighbors" (4) "Love you enemies".

What a shame that many of those in A&M's Administration, many Professors and many Advisors to our students would Not Dare mention the Name Jesus--it might hurt someone's feelings or make them feel excluded even though HE was/is the most inclusive of ALL who ever lived.

P.S. - We need to make it a Requirement that every student at A&M MUST TAKE (FOR A ONE HOUR CREDIT) A COURSE TITLED "WHAT IS AN AGGIE"--have us SRG AGs that BLEED MAROON teach it. YES! EACH STUDENT MUST HAVE IT BEFORE THEY GRADUATE OR GET THEIR AGGIE RING!!"

Thanks again and "Gig 'Em! Frank Cox '65

Professor Blackshear at Prairie View Letter Sul Ross Passing

January 5, 1898 Houston Post Daily from Prof. Blackshear at Prairie View on the passing of Gov. Ross

“Prairie View, Texas, January 5 – Whereas, We have received the painful news of the death of General L. S. Ross, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical college; and

Whereas, the material advancement and educational interests of the State are in a great measure, indebted to his zeal and services; and

Whereas this institution and our people have lost a friend who has long been interested in their welfare; therefore be it

Resolved, That we feel keenly his loss, and deeply deplore his sudden death; that we shall remember with gratitude his unselfish interest in the improvement of all classes of people in Texas; that his example as an honest statesman, a devoted educator and a Christian gentleman will be a precious memory to all that love Texas; that we hereby convey to his sorrowing relations this expression of our deepest sympathy; that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his estimable family and to each of the following papers: Houston Post, Galveston News, San Antonio Express, Austin Statesman, and Waco Times-Herald.

E. L. Blackshear, Chairman,

C. W. Luckie,

M. H. Broylce,

W. B. Woodruff,

E. H. Holmes, Secretary.”

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